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Christmas Tree Recycling Program Expanded **Boise, Ada County and Allied Waste Reuse discarded Christmas Trees**

(Boise, ID) – The City of Boise, Ada County and other cities around the valley are once again working together to make sure Christmas trees are given new life through a major recycling effort at the Ada County Landfill. Boise residents and those living in most of the cities in Ada County can easily dispose of their cut Christmas trees by putting them out on their normal trash/recycling pickup days. This year’s program has been expanded by an additional week to give residents more freedom to dispose of their trees.

Instructions for curbside tree pick-up are simple:

- Trees must be 100% free of all decorations (includes tinsel and any spray on materials)
- No tree stands are allowed
- Trees must be cut into **four-foot lengths**
- Set trees a few feet away from regular trash cans since they are picked up by a separate truck

Residents who miss their tree pick-up, or those who may want to dispose of their trees before their regularly scheduled trash day, may take their Christmas Tree directly to the Ada County Hidden Hollow Landfill. Trees will be accepted at the landfill free of charge between December 29 and January 24 – a full week longer than last year’s program. Trees hauled directly to the landfill must also be 100% decoration-free but they do not have to be cut into four-foot sections.

“Christmas trees that aren’t set out for recycling take up valuable space at the landfill. This type of material is a great recyclable resource for future use in landscaping, animal bedding and even used to create energy. There’s no reason to send usable material to landfill as trash. Plus saving landfill space ultimately saves taxpayers money, too,” City of Boise Public Works Environmental Manager Catherine Chertudi said.

“This expanded Christmas Tree Recycling Program is a great example of several diversion programs currently in place at the Ada County Landfill,” said Dave Neal, Ada County Solid Waste Management Director. “Each year, Ada County successfully diverts upwards of 79-million pounds of wood waste from going into the landfill. Ultimately, the county’s year-long wood recycling effort helped save space in the landfill equivalent to 1,374 semi-trailers – space that can now be used for trash that can not be recycled.”

Here’s a listing of the dates and specific tree recycling information for Ada County and cities around the valley:

- **Ada County** – County residents with trash service can leave trees for curbside pickup from December 29th – January 9th on regular trash/recycling collection days. Plus, any Ada County resident or

Christmas tree lot owner can self-haul trees to the Hidden Hollow Landfill, 10300 N. Seaman's Gulch Road, free of charge until January 24, 2008. There is no size limitation on trees brought to landfill. (Note: **The landfill will be closed on New Years Day.**)

- **Allied Waste Transfer Station** – Located at 4485 S Curtis Road (685-7700), the transfer station will have separate drop off boxes for City of Boise and Ada County residents until January 16th free of charge.
- **Boise** – Curbside pickup from December 29th – January 9th. Residents can leave trees with no decorations on regular trash/recycling collection days.
- **Meridian: Sanitary Services Co. Transfer Station** – Residents can leave trees on the curb during regular trash/recycling collection day from January 7th - January 11th. Meridian residents may also drop off trees at the SSC transfer station on 2130 W. Franklin Road free of charge through January 31st.
- **Eagle** – Curbside pickup from December 29th – January 9th residents can leave trees with no decorations on regular trash/recycling collection days.
- **Garden City** – Curbside pickup from December 29th – December 3rd. Residents can leave trees with no decorations on regular trash/recycling collection days.
- **Star** – Curbside pickup from January December 29th – January 5th residents can leave trees with no decorations on regular trash/recycling collection days.
- **Kuna** – No curbside pickup. Kuna residents can bring trees to Hidden Hollow Landfill, to the Meridian transfer station on 2130 W. Franklin Road until January 12th, or to the Allied Waste Transfer Station on 4485 S. Curtis Road until January 16th.

For additional information about this program, contact: Dave Neal with the Ada County Solid Waste Management Department at 577-4725 or Catherine Chertudi with the City of Boise Public Works Department at 384-3901.